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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/666,970	Applicant(s) NICHOLSON ET AL.	
	Examiner Christopher S. McCarthy	Art Unit 2113	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO⁴ personnel):

- (1) Christopher S. McCarthy. (3) _____
 (2) Walter Malinowski Reg. # 43,423. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 28 August 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: All.

Identification of prior art discussed: Nolet 6,138,249; Ballard 2003/0088538.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant's representative discussed with the examiner two points: 1) Nolet does not teach a fault tolerant component; 2) Nolet nor Ballard teach a World Wide Web. The examiner concedes point 2 that neither reference explicitly cites a World Wide Web, but this amendment could provoke a USC 103 rejection. Point one was not conceded by the examiner in that the examiner cites column 13, lines 22-24 of Nolet wherein his system could be done for fault tolerant reasons; therefore, any components in the system are deemed fault tolerant components. The representative further explained the differences between the fault tolerant monitoring of the present invention versus the monitoring of Nolet. The examiner suggested that any distinct language be in the claim language, or at least made clear on the record. The representative informed the examiner that an amendment would be forthcoming. .